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Sir:

This is a Petition for Retroactive Extension of Time pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge the fee in the amount of \$110.00 for a (1) month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

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